

House Concurrent Resolution No. 14

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOON.

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AN ACT

Relating to an application to Congress for the calling of an Article V convention of states to propose certain amendments to the United States Constitution which place limits on the federal government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Founders of our Constitution empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people - particularly for the generations to come - to propose amendments to the United States Constitution through a convention of states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby apply to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states limited to proposing amendments to the United States Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and members of Congress; and

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this application constitutes a continuing
28 application in accordance with Article V of the United States Constitution until the legislatures
29 of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject; and
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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
32 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the
33 President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States
34 House of Representatives, each member of the Missouri Congressional delegation, and the
35 presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their
36 cooperation.

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